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USD STUDENTS TO FAST AS PART OF OXFAM ACTIVITIES, NOVEMBER 15

On Thursday, November 15, many students at the University of San Diego plan to give up eating for a day.

It is all part of the Oxfam-America's Fast for a World Harvest, begun in 1974 and held on the Thursday prior to Thanksgiving. The money not spent on food that day will be donated to Oxfam--- the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief, a non-profit, international agency which supports self-help development projects around the world.

Among those groups benefitting from this year's fast activities are the boat people of Southeast Asia, refugees in Southern Africa, farmers in Peru and Upper Volta, craft workers in Tanzania, rural women in Bolivia, and village community groups in Sri Lanka. The goal for this year's fast is \$200,000 from participating U.S. groups.

While many people talk about the problem of world hunger, the activities at USD are designed to let people actually do something about it.

"We are organizing the fast at USD because we want to give people a chance to make a personal commitment to the hungry people of the world," says Sister Tim Malone, coordinator of programming at USD's Campus Ministry. "Fasting is a symbolic way of doing that. Additionally, contributing food money is a simple and direct way of sharing some of our resources with people in Latin America, Asia and Africa who are struggling to survive and become self-reliant."

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